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Abstract:

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2 In a system that includes: (a) a web server system which stores advertisements and 3 data bases, (b) bidding agents which submit bids to display advertisements in view-ops which have certain specifications, and (c) bid selection logic which decides which bid to 5 accept for each particular view-op. When a view-op occurs which meets the 6 specifications in a bid, the view-op is further evaluated in terms of the comparative 7 effectiveness of the particular advertisements on each of the sites on which the 8 advertisement was previously displayed. The frequency of the advertisement is 9 increased on sites that have proved effective and decreased on sites that have a lower iceffectiveness. An additional parameter is added to the parameters considered and , <u>!</u> evaluated on a real time basis to determine if a particular advertisement should be 12 displayed in response to a particular view-op. This additional parameter takes into 13 consideration the effectiveness of this particular advertisement on the sites where it was 11 previously displayed.